Trade Agreement, the elimination of para and non-tariff barriers and customs related issues to facilitate the flow of trade.

(c) Regular interaction has continued between Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at various levels including at the level of the Director Generals. Border management issues were also discussed in the meetings of the Home Secretaries in September 2004 and Foreign Secretaries in June 2005. Coordinated patrolling by the two border guarding forces has commenced in some sectors of the India-Bangladesh border.

India's role in G-8 Summit

378. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister attended the G-8 Summit in Scotland, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda and the outcome of the Summit meeting; and

(c) the role played by India in the Summit and the benefits to be accrued to India as a result of India's participation in the Summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) Issues relating to the global economy, climate change and sustainable development were on the agenda of the Summit meeting. The outcome of the Summit is the initiation of a new dialogue between the G-8 nations and other countries with significant energy needs, consistent with the aims and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

(c) India played a constructive role in the Summit by proposing a new paradigm for international co-operation for action on climate change. The countries participating in the meeting welcomed the ideas put forward by India. Participation in the Summitt provided India an opportunity to project its views on issues of global concern and make positive recommendations on the ways forward.